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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 860,000 head as of September 1, 2009. The latest inventory was up 1 percent from August 1, 2009, and up 12 percent from the 770,000 on feed on September 1, 2008. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 190,000 head of fed cattle during August 2009. This represented a 6 percent increase from the July 2009 marketings, and an 15 percent increase from the August marketings one year earlier. An estimated 205,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during August, up 64 percent from July 2009 placements and up 8 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in August, 7 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 10 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 59 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for August, at 5,000 head, was the same as last month and last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.88 million head on September 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent below September 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.11 million, 2 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.06 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 425,000, 600-699 pounds were 395,000, 700-799 pounds were 515,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 775,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.81 million, 4 percent below 2008. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 55,000 during August, 12 percent above 2008.